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FROM Chief of Station, Vienna		DATE SEP 30 1960	
SUBJECT GRUOVY PERMANENT Josef Adolf URBAN, DPOS: 8 January 1897, Sasa, CSR		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED Stat: Please pass attachment to 66th MIG.		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE(S) EGGA-10901, 22 September 1960			
<p>1. We are herewith providing two copies of a Memorandum on Subject for passage to Major Art Klekner, 66th MIG. Also attached are 19 pages of photostats - a report allegedly originating with Subject and acquired through Source No. 13, 157. We have reviewed this report, and while we can find no evidence of fabrication, the information is overt and already known to us. You may return this report to the 66th MIG, with our thanks.</p> <p>2. Would you please call attention to paragraph 3 of the attached Memorandum wherein we request action by the 66th - particularly in answering the question which known Austrian intelligence agency is currently using Urban?</p>			
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<p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 2828 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2001 2008</p>			
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MEMORANDUM

TO: 66th FIG

DATE: 28 September 1960

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Josef Adolf URBAN, DPOB: 8 January 1897, Saaz, Czechoslovakia.

ACTION REQUESTED: Requested: See paragraph 3 below.

1. With reference to your recent reports on Subject, we must report with regret that we can shed no light on his activities after December 1954, when he was expelled from Austria for five years by the Austrian Police. We believe that you have ample information, as we do, on this famous ~~subject~~, prior to 1954. We do not have a physical description of URBAN, nor his present address, nor do we know anything about his current profession, overt or covert. Although we may well have queried about Subject in 1953, since it seems he was getting in everyone's hair at that time, we have never had any operational interest in him. To the contrary, we are happy to steer clear of him.

2. You say that Urban is reported to be presently a British Intelligence Agent. We do not put it past Urban to seek such a contact, but would be surprised if the British were not on to him by this time. However we have no evidence on this point.

3. You further reported that he is currently being forced to provide information to a known Austrian intelligence agency or face punitive action, and you add that Urban is controlled by your source No. 13,157. Our question then is: Is the known Austrian intelligence agency Source No. 13,157's parent organization? We ask this question for several reasons. It is known to us that Source No. 13,157's parent agency was well aware of Urban's checkered record, considered him a fabricator as well as an irresponsible hanger-on to Nazism; therefore the question arises what has happened to change this agency's mind? If another Austrian agency is involved, then it would appear the Austrians have not got together to do their counterintelligence "homework".

4. You passed us a photostat copy of a report on conditions in Hungary dated March 1960 from Urban, through Source No. 13,157. We have carefully reviewed this report, and our opinion is that it is probably accurate and entirely overt. In other words this information could easily be gathered from publications and other overt data, without going to the trouble and additional cost of running a covert agent or source of agents. We are returning the copy of the Urban report herewith, lest there be any confusion about which report we are talking, and because the information is already known to us.

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